RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: It is not a question of hesitation. They have not yet begun to work now.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Has the Government cared to go into the agreement?

PRESIDENT: A copy of the agreement has been placed on the table of the Secretary.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: What is the purpose of the agreement?

PRESIDENT: That the Government should have a predominant voice in the conducting of the affairs of the company.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Does the Government think that it has gained decided advantage by the agreement.

PRESIDENT: There is absolutely no difference of opinion between this Government and the company.

Share Capital of the Travancore, Fertilisers and Chemicals, Ltd.

10. *MR. K. A. MAHOMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the issued share capital of the Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals, Ltd;

(*b*) the percentage of the shares held by Travancoreans including the Government;

(*c*) the productive capacity of the plant proposed to be installed; and

(*d*) the approximate cost of production per ton?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI:

(*a*) Rs. 25,00,000.

(*b*) 82%

(*c*) 50,000 tons of Ammonium sulphate and 2,000 tons of Sulphuric acid per annum.

(*d*) The cost cannot be ascertained at present.

Fertilisers and Chemicals, Ltd., Alwaye.

11. *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any agreement or understanding between them and the Fertilisers and Chemicals, Ltd., Alwaye regarding appointment of Travancoreans in the said company?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Yes. The agreement between Government and the company provides that if qualified Travancoreans are available the company will employ them preferentially both in superior and subordinate staff.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: The answer says that the company provides to the effect that if qualified Travancoreans are available, the company will employ them preferentially both in superior and subordinate staff. May I know, has this been put into effect by the company so far? May I know whether they were giving preferential treatment to Travancoreans in the matter of employment?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: As I have already said, the erection of the factory has just commenced. Certainly, care will be taken to see that this particular understanding or stipulation is duly implemented.

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